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A NATION'S BIRTHDAY.

The One Hundredth Anniversary of the United States.

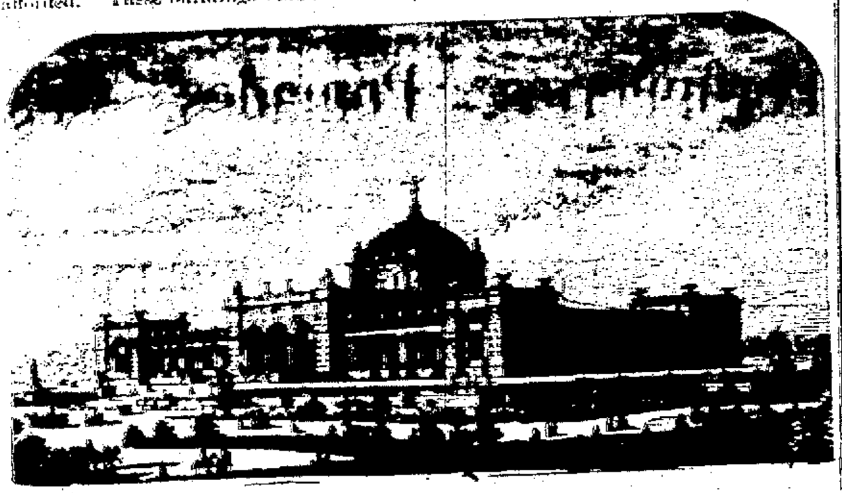
The Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia—Views of the Notable Events—Interesting Statistics of the Great Exposition.

Our International Exhibition.

The great interest felt by our readers in the success of this national enterprise has led us to secure the accompanying illustrations and the latest information relative to its progress. Notwithstanding the inertness of American exhibitors, the position of the Exhibition on the tenth of May is far in advance of that of any former International Exhibition at the same time.

The following description will give a complete idea of the extent of the grounds and the size of the buildings:

The Exhibition buildings are located in Fairmount Park, which adjoins the built-up portions of Philadelphia on the northwestern border. This is a beautiful park of 2,740 acres, upon which the city has already spent over $6,000,000, and is now annually expending a large sum in adornments and improvements. Through it runs the Schuylkill river, bordered by high banks and ravines, and its great natural beauty has been enhanced by art. The buildings are located on some of the most beautiful spots on the banks of this river, groves of stately trees surrounding them, splendid views of river and landscape being afforded. These buildings stand from 112 feet to 120 feet above the highest tide-water level in the Delaware river, and fully that height above the Schuylkill. Philadelphia is a city of 800,000 inhabitants, containing 150,000 dwelling houses, a large proportion of which are owned by their occupants, and this number is being increased at the rate of 6,000 a year.



ART GALLERY.

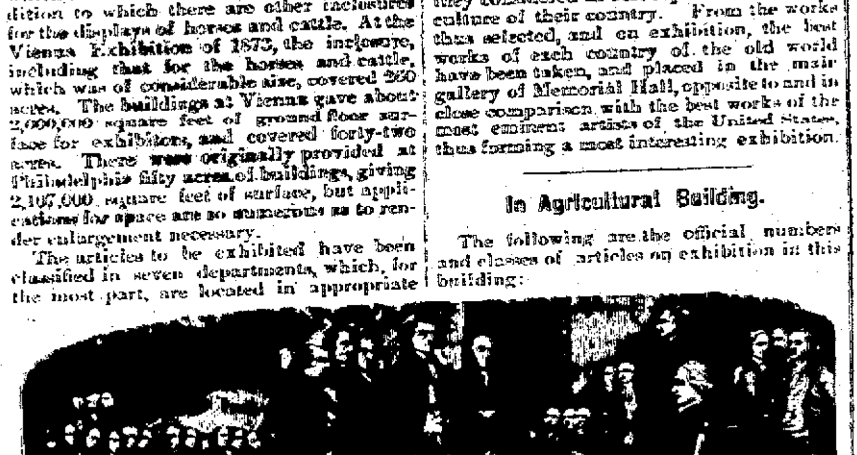
Girard avenue, one of the chief streets of Philadelphia, leads directly from the heart of the city to the entrance to the main exhibition building. This is a broad highway one hundred feet in width, crossing the Schuylkill river upon a magnificent iron bridge, and which was erected at a cost of $1,500,000 expressly to furnish good facilities of access to the Exhibition grounds. This avenue passes through the park in a westerly direction, and is a very fine drive. Bordering it on the right hand are the Exhibition grounds. These cover about 236 acres, which are inclosed for the buildings, in addition to which there are other inclosures for the displays of horses and cattle. At the Vienna Exhibition of 1873, the inclosure, including that for the horses and cattle, which was of considerable size, covered 280 acres. The buildings at Vienna gave about 2,000,000 square feet of ground floor surface for exhibitions, and covered forty-two acres. There were originally provided at Philadelphia fifty acres of buildings, giving 2,107,000 square feet of surface, but applications for space are so numerous as to render enlargement necessary.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

The articles to be exhibited have been classified in seven departments, which, for the most part, are located in appropriate buildings, whose several areas are as follows:

1. Mining and metallurgy, 2. manufactures, 3. education and science, main building, 21.47; 4. Art, art gallery, 1.5; 5. Machinery, machinery building, 14; 6. Agriculture, agricultural building, 10; 7. Horticulture, horticultural building, 1.5. Total, 48.47.

The first of these which one reaches in coming from the city is the main exhibition building; but the only point from which a comprehensive view may be taken of them all is from the summit of George's hill, on the western margin of the Exhibition grounds; and here the spectator will find the machinery and agricultural halls in the foreground, and the main building and art gallery in the distance. Looking at them from this point, it will be seen that the northern faces of the main and machinery buildings are in a line; that they are divided by an avenue, but connected by a covered way; and that the length from the extreme of one building to the extreme of the other is very great—more than two-thirds of a mile. Running along the northern length of these buildings is a boulevard one hundred feet in width, which is traversed by a double line of narrow gauge cars, for the accommodation of visitors. Three hundred feet back of the main building, their centers being in a line, stands the art gallery. Next northward, and on the further side of Lansdowne valley, which is crossed by a bridge, is the horticultural building; back still of it, northernmost of the principal structures, is the agricultural building, and midway between this and the machinery hall is the building for the exhibition to be made by the United States government.



SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

In the Art Gallery.

The following are the official numbers and classes of articles on exhibition in this building:

DEPARTMENT IV.—ART.

Classes 400-409. Sculpture. (In stone, metal, wood, iron, etc.)

410-419. Painting. (In oil and water colors on canvas, porcelain, enamel, metals, etc.)

420-429. Engraving and lithography.

430-439. Photography (including photo-lithographs).

440-449. Industrial and architectural designs, models, and decorations.

450-459. Decorations with ceramic and vitreous materials; mosaic and inlaid work.

Each exhibit in this department will be numbered, and full information respecting it will be found in connection with the similar numbers given in the official catalogue of exhibitors.

When works of art are for sale, it will be so stated in the official catalogue. Purchasers should bear in mind the established rule that no article can be removed until after the close of the Exhibition, November 10, 1876.

The visitor will find on exhibition in this department the works of all the leading artists of the world. Committees of selection—in most cases composed of the presidents of the leading art societies—have been appointed by the commissioners of the different nations taking part in the exhibition. They have selected from the numerous works of art submitted to them those they considered as best representing the art culture of their country. From the works thus selected, and on exhibition, the best works of each country of the old world have been taken, and placed in the main gallery of Memorial Hall, opposite to and in close comparison with the best works of the most eminent artists of the United States, thus forming a most interesting exhibition.

In Agricultural Building.

The following are the official numbers and classes of articles on exhibition in this building:

DEPARTMENT VI.—AGRICULTURE.

Classes 600-609. Agricultural and forest products.

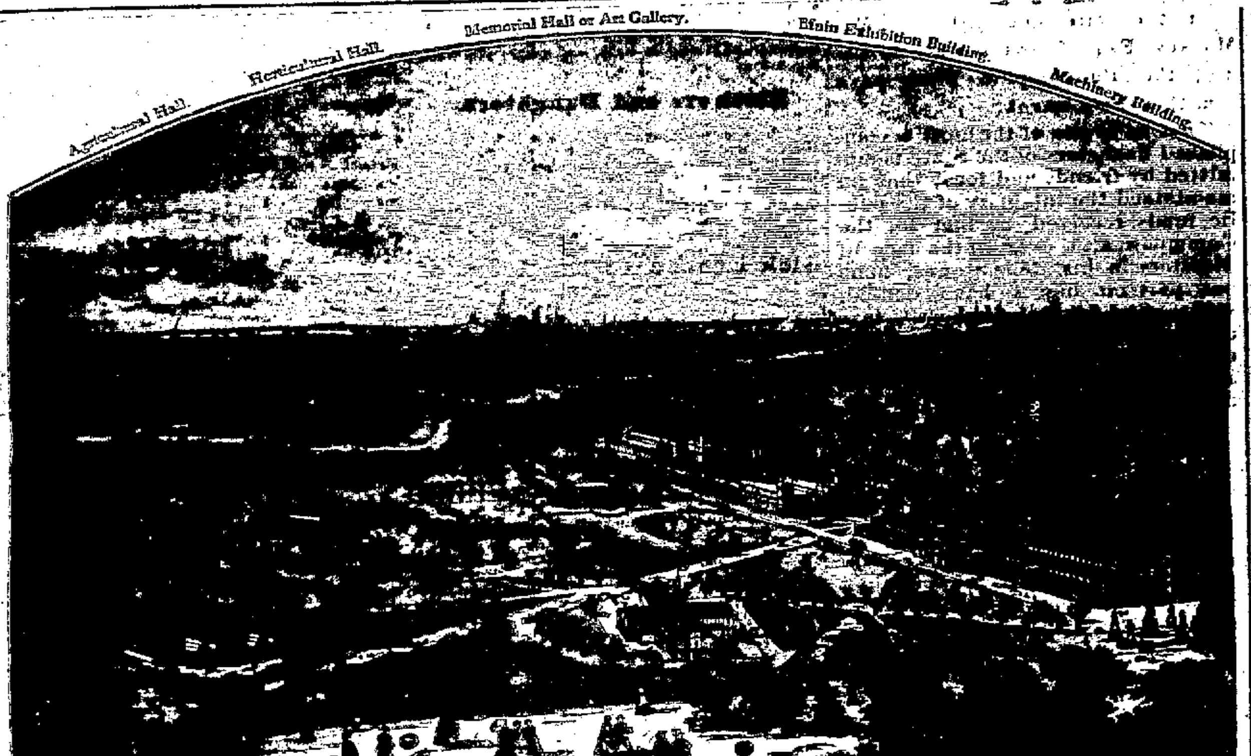
610-619. Pomology—fruits from all parts of the world.

620-629. Agricultural products.

630-639. Land animals.

640-649. Marine animals, fish culture and apparatus.

650-654. Animal and vegetable products—used as food or as materials.


Agricultural Hall.
Horticultural Hall.
Memorial Hall or Art Gallery.
Main Exhibition Building.
Machinery Building.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE GROUNDS.

665-669. Textile substances of vegetable or animal origin.

670-679. Machines, implements, and processes of manufacture.

680-689. Agricultural engineering and administration.

690-699. Tillage and general management.

The articles on exhibition in this building are arranged by classes, and not by countries. All articles of the same class from all countries are together. A very interesting comparison will result, as twenty foreign countries and all of the States exhibit.

Among the most extensive and interesting exhibits are the agricultural machines in active operation, comprising everything used on the farm or plantation, in tillage, harvesting, or preparation for market; manufactured foods of all kinds, and all varieties of fish, with the improved appliances for fish culture.

Twenty-two acres of ground have been secured outside of, and 500 yards distant from the principal entrance to the main Exhibition grounds, and arranged for the convenient reception and exhibit of live stock. On this ground the following exhibitions will take place:

Sept. 1 to Sept. 15, 1876.—Horses, mules, and asses.

Sept. 20 to Oct. 5, 1876.—Horned cattle (all varieties).

Oct. 10 to Oct. 25, 1876.—Sheep, swine, goats and dogs.

Oct. 25 to Nov. 10, 1876.—Poultry of all varieties.

The live stock exhibited will be of high character, the desire being to promote improvement in breeding stock.

Suitably located lands have been secured on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, between Philadelphia and New York, and distant thirty minutes from the Exhibition grounds, for trial of machinery. Harvesting machines will be tested during June and July, 1876, and tilling machines during September and October, 1876.

In the Main Building.

The official numbers and classes of articles exhibited in the Main Exhibition building are:

DEPARTMENT I.—MINING AND METALLURGY.

Classes 100-109. Minerals, ores, stones, mining products.

110-119. Metallurgical products.

120-129. Mining engineering.

DEPARTMENT II.—MANUFACTURES.

Classes 200-205. Chemical manufactures.

206-216. Ceramics, pottery, porcelain, glass.

217-227. Furniture, etc.

228-234. Yarns and woven goods of vegetable or mineral materials.

235-241. Woven and felted goods of wool, etc.

242-249. Silk and silk fabrics.

250-257. Clothing, jewelry, etc.

258-264. Paper, blank books, stationery.

265-271. Weapons, etc.

272-279. Medicine, surgery, prothesis.

280-284. Hardware, edge-tools, cutlery, and metallic products.

285-291. Fabrics of vegetable, animal, or mineral materials.

292-296. Carriages, vehicles, and accessories.

DEPARTMENT III.—EDUCATION AND SCIENCE.

Classes 300-309. Educational systems, methods, and libraries.

310-319. Institutions and organizations.

320-329. Scientific and philosophical instruments and methods.

330-339. Engineering, architecture, maps etc.

340-349. Physical, social, and moral condition of man.

Visitors can alight and enter this building under cover, if from carriages, at the east main entrance, and from street cars, at the south main entrance. The building stands nearly due east and west. From the small balconies in the four central towers the visitor can obtain excellent views of the whole interior of this building. The countries exhibiting are located geographically in sections, running crosswise of the building from north to south. The foreign commissioners have offices adjacent to the exhibits of their respective countries. The Centennial executive offices will be found on the second floor at the north side of this building. As the visitor must traverse both sides of each avenue to see the exhibits in this building, a distance of about eleven miles must be accomplished.

In Machinery Hall.

The following are the official numbers and classes of articles that are on exhibition in this building:

DEPARTMENT V.—MACHINERY.

Classes 500-509. Machines, tools, etc., of mining, chemistry, etc.

510-519. Machines and tools for working metal, wood, and stone.

520-529. Machines and implements of spinning, weaving, etc.

530-539. Machines, etc., used in sewing, making clothing, etc.

540-549. Machines for printing, making books, paper working, etc.

550-559. Motors, power generators, etc.

560-569. Hydraulic and pneumatic apparatus.

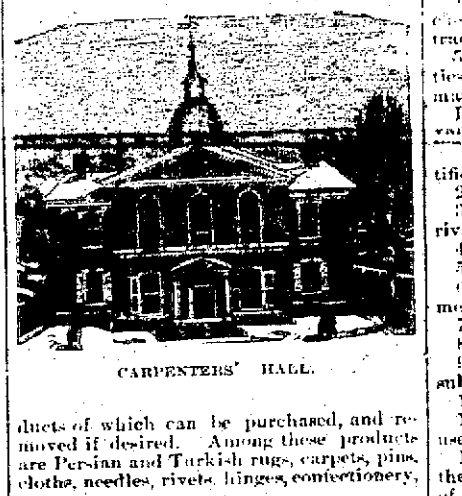
570-579. Railway plant, rolling stock, etc.

580-589. Machinery used in preparing agricultural products.

590-599. Aerial, pneumatic, and water transportation. Machinery and apparatus especially adapted to the requirements of the Exhibition.

In the center of this building is located a 1400 horse-power Corliss engine, capable of driving (if required) the entire shafting necessary to run all the machinery exhibits. This engine has a 40-inch cylinder with 120-inch stroke, and was constructed for this especial service.

The visitor here sees the machinery of all nations in actual operation, the sample products of which can be purchased, and removed if desired. Among these products are Persian and Turkish rugs, carpets, pins, cloths, needles, rivets, hinges, confectionery, etc.



CARPENTERS' HALL.

The annex for hydraulic machines contains a tank 144 feet long, sixty feet wide, with a depth of water of eight feet. In connection with this, hydraulic machinery is exhibited in full operation. At the south end of this tank is a waterfall thirty-five feet high by forty feet wide, supplied from the tank by the pumps upon exhibition.

In Horticultural Hall.

The following are the official numbers and classes of articles on exhibition in this building:

DEPARTMENT VII.—HORTICULTURE.

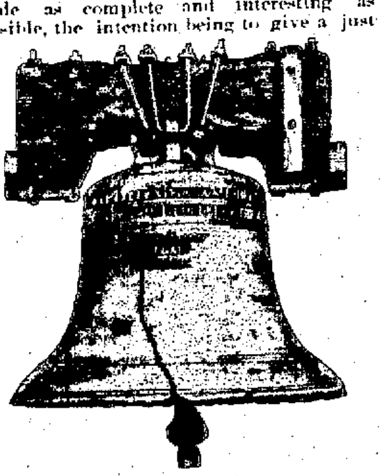
Classes 700-709. Ornamental trees, shrubs, and flowers.

710-719. Hot-houses, conservatories, graperies, and their management.

720-729. Garden tools, accessories of gardening, etc.

730-735. Garden designing, construction, and management.

The exhibit in this department is made as complete and interesting as possible, the intention being to give a just evidence of the progress made and improved taste in all matters pertaining to horticulture. The exhibits in the out-door department comprise the representative trees of this country, forest and ornamental trees, plants of commerce, and new plants of recent introduction from Japan, China, and other parts of the world. England, France, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Brazil, Cuba, and Mexico are represented in this department. The space reserved for ornamental gardening includes a handsome parterre, or sunken garden, which has been laid off and planted to illustrate the different methods of ornamental flower gardening.



LIBERTY BELL.

The walks surrounding the above-named allotment and reserved grounds aggregate a distance of over three miles in length.

The U. S. Government Building.

That portion of the United States government building assigned to the Smithsonian Institution is occupied by a collection illustrating our food fishes; by a collection of stuffed specimens of the game and fur-bearing animals, and of useful animal products, and by a collection to illustrate the extent and variety of the useful mineral products of the county. The fishery collection and the animal collection are upon a large scale, under the immediate direction of Professor S. F. Baird, and covers about 15,000 feet of floor space.

MINERAL COLLECTION.

This collection, to illustrate the mineral resources of the United States, is under the direction of Professor Wm. P. Blake.

The principal objects of this collection of the useful ores and minerals of the country are to illustrate—

1st. The nature and variety of the mineral resources of the United States;

2d. The geographical distribution and geological associations of these resources;

3d. The extent to which they have been utilized;

4th. The mechanical, metallurgical, and chemical processes by which they are extracted or converted into useful products;

5th. The inherent and comparative qualities of the extractive products viewed as materials rather than as manufactures.

It includes a systematic display of the [illegible]

1. Systematic collections, chiefly scientific and educational.
2. Fuels and petroleum.
3. Ores, metals, and their immediate derivatives.
4. Ornamental stones and gems.
5. Building stones, marble, etc.
6. Artificial stones, lime, mortars, cement.
7. Fictile materials and direct products.
8. Pigments, colors, detergents.
9. Grinding, abrading, and polishing substances.
10. Fertilizing substances.
11. Sulphur, salts, and minerals chiefly used in chemical manufactures.

It is made up not only of selections from the National Museum, at Washington, but of newly made contributions for the special purpose of the Exhibition, and besides the systematic display of specimens, somewhat uniform in size, there is a geographical grouping by States to more fully show the extent and distribution of our iron, coal, gold, silver, and other minerals.

The Judges' Hall.

This building, intended for the use of the various judges and committees who are to award the prizes at the Exhibition, is now completed, and will be one of the most attractive buildings on the grounds. It is built of wood and plaster, and is highly ornamented. It covers a space of 152 by 115 feet. In the center of the building is a large hall fifty-nine by seventy-eight feet, containing a platform and speakers' desk. A corridor ten feet wide runs entirely around this hall and separates it, in the rear, from another hall twenty-eight by fifty-nine feet. The partitions between these two apartments are so arranged as to be movable, and the rooms can be thrown into one, making a hall fifty-nine by one hundred and sixteen feet. On each side of the building are seven commodious committee-rooms, opening into the corridor which surrounds the main hall, and three spacious rooms are provided in the front of the building. Two stairways lead to a gallery ten feet wide, running around three sides of the main hall.

Closed on Sunday.

At a meeting of the Centennial commissioners a vote was taken on the question: "Shall the Exhibition be open on Sunday?" resulting as follows, the vote being taken by States: Yeas—Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, South Carolina and Washington Territory. Nays—Arizona, Connecticut, Dakota, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. A motion, then made by Mr. Latrobe (Ind.), to open the grounds free to all on Sundays, but to close all the buildings, including the restaurants, was carried. So that while the buildings will be closed on Sunday, the grounds will be open to the public.

The Chilian Court.

One of the most noticeable of the structures in the Main building is the tasty inclosure of the Chilian government. It is situated near the west entrance. It comprises two rows of beautiful cases, with a pavilion at the end, which is a handsome piece of ornamental wood work, and, as it is painted and decorated, is very attractive. The people of Chili are the most enterprising in South America, their progressive disposition being most notably displayed in their manufactures and railroads. At the New York, Paris and London exhibitions the Chilian government took a creditable part, but vastly inferior to what they are doing in connection with this year's Centennial Exposition. The Chilian nation is represented by samples of all the leading native productions.

The Declaration of Independence

was written by Thomas Jefferson, at his private lodgings, in the house still standing on the southwest corner of Market and Seventh streets. He says: "I rented the second floor, consisting of a parlor and bedroom ready furnished. In that parlor I wrote habitually, and in it wrote this paper particularly."

The hall of Independence, on Chestnut street, between Fifth and Sixth, was commenced in 1729, and completed in 1734, having been designed for the use of the Provincial Assemblies; and the long hall formerly in the upper story was often used for grand official banquets given to governors, distinguished strangers and generals, and to the members of the First Congress when they arrived in 1774. It was originally decorated with a stately steeple, which was taken down in 1774 on account of decay; only a small belfry was left to cover the bell until the year 1828, when the present steeple was erected as nearly like the ancient one as circumstances would permit. The ancient bell, formerly used for the clock, is remarkable for its prophetic inscription. Originally imported from England, in 1752, but cracked in its first ringing, it was recast in Philadelphia, and the inscription—"Proclaim liberty throughout the land, and to all the people thereof"—was placed upon it. This was more than twenty years before the independence of the colonies was dreamed of; yet, when the Declaration was signed, this very bell was the first, by its merry peal, to "proclaim liberty throughout the land." It now occupies a place in the south vestibule of the building. The Declaration of Independence was signed in the chamber on the left of the principal entrance. Some years since the antique architectural decorations and furniture of this room were removed, and their places supplied with new furniture and tapestry in modern style. This error has since been repaired, as far as possible, by restoring the hall to its ancient appearance. The portraits of nearly every one of the signers now adorn the walls. Open daily.

The Centennial Hymn.

The following are the words of the Centennial hymn sung by the chorus of nine hundred voices:

Our fathers' God! from out whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand,
We meet to-day, united, free,
And loyal to our land and Thee,
To thank Thee for the era done,
And trust Thee for the opening one.

Here where of old, by Thy design,
Our fathers spake that word of Thine
Whose echo is the glad refrain
Of rended bolt and falling chain,
To grace our festal time from all
The zones of earth our guests we call.

Be with us while the new world greets
The old world, thronging all its streets,
Unveiling all the triumphs won
By art or toil beneath the sun;
And unto common good ordain
This rivalship of hand and brain.

Thou who hast here in concord furled
The war flags of a gathered world,
Beneath our western skies fulfill
The Orient's mission of good will.
And, freighted with love's golden fleece,
Send back the argonauts of peace.

For art and labor met in truce,
For beauty made the bride of use,
We thank Thee, while withal we crave
The austere virtues strong to save,
The honor proof to place or gold,
The manhood never bought or sold!

Oh! make Thou us, through centuries long,
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of Thy righteous law,
And, cast in some diviner mold,
Let the new cycle shame the old!

The Welsh.

The Centennial Eisteddfod to be held in September next will be one of the great festivities of the Centennial celebration. The programme will embrace essays, poetry, music, etc. All the choirs, hundreds and hundreds in number, of the finest voices, will unite in opening the entertainment by singing some of the national airs of Cambria, such as "The March of the Men of Harlech," "Hen wlad fy whada," "The old land of my fathers;" also Keller's "Hymn of the Republic;" and at the close all the competing choirs will unite in one grand combined chorus on as many of the competing pieces as the executive committee may direct. Our Welsh-speaking citizens throughout the United States are moving in their might in the matter of making it a grand success.

A Relic Unearthed.

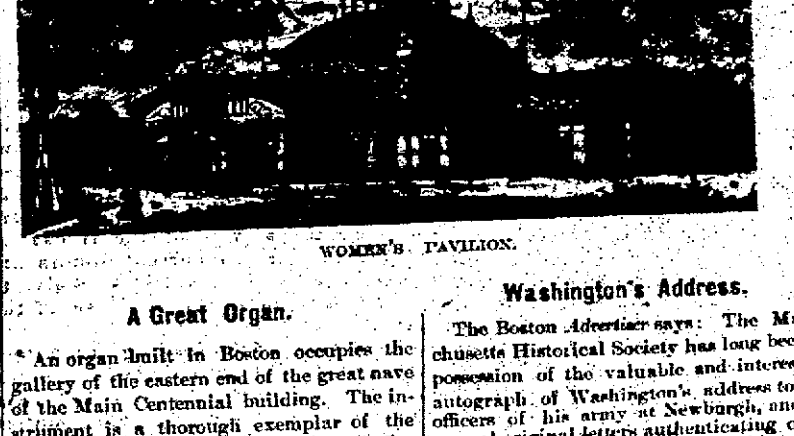
When the remains of the Revolutionary martyrs who perished in the British prison ships, at the Wallabout, were taken from Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, two years ago, to be laid in the sarcophagus in Fort Greene park, the slab that was placed over the spot by the Tammany Society of New York, in 1808, could not be found. A few days ago Matthew Smith, while making excavations in Hudson avenue, near York street, found the slab. It is of red sandstone, three feet six inches long, and two feet wide, and is well preserved. It contains this inscription:

JUDGES HALL.

In the name of the spirits of the Departed Free. Sacred to that portion of American seamen, soldiers, and citizens, who perished in the cause of liberty and their country on board the prison ships of the British (during the Revolutionary War) at the Wallabout. This is the corner-stone of the vault which contains their relics, erected by the Tammany Society or Columbian Order of the City of New York, the ground for which was bestowed by John Jackson. Nassau Island, season of Blossom, year of discovery the 216th, of the institution the 19th, of American Independence the 32d, April the 6th, 1808. Jacob Vandervoort, Jno. Jackson, Burdette Stryker, Issachen Cozzens, Robert Townsend, Benjamin Watson, Samuel Cowdren, Wallabout Committe, Wm. & David Campbell, builders.

The Centennial Police.

The uniform for the police, a large force of whom are constantly on duty on the grounds, consists of a single-breasted frock coat and pantaloons of dark blue with scarlet trimming. There is a scarlet stripe of medium width down the side of the pantaloons and scarlet piping on the sleeves of the coat. The buttons have on them the figures "1776-1876," with the letters "C. G." for Centennial guard. The uniform for the Centennial fire department, which is always on duty and prepared for work, consists of a sack coat and pantaloons of dark blue, with buttons on which are a "liberty bell," and the letters "C. F. B." for Centennial fire brigade.



WOMEN'S PAVILION.

A Great Organ.

An organ built in Boston occupies the gallery of the eastern end of the great nave of the Main Centennial building. The instrument is a thorough exemplar of the organ industry, and is so large that spectators can readily gain admission to its interior and examine all the details. There are four stories of apartments within the case, besides an office.

Washington's Address.

The Boston *Advertiser* says: The Massachusetts Historical Society has long been in possession of the valuable and interesting autograph of Washington's address to the officers of his army at Newburgh, and of several original letters authenticating or illustrating it. By order of the society these manuscripts are now published as a contribution to the literature of the centennial year.

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THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1876.

The New York Conference.

On Tuesday of this week one hundred and seventy gentlemen met in New York city in response to a call issued by Messrs. Bryant, Schurz, Woolsey, and others. The result of their meeting is a long address to the people of the country, published in full in the daily papers. The platform which they set forth embodies the distinctive principles of the Republican Party, and cannot meet the disapproval of good republicans. It is, in brief, a demand for equal rights, hard money, no postponement of the resumption of specie payments, and civil service reform.

They can surely hope to gain none of these objects outside of the Republican Party, yet these gentlemen very distinctly imply that unless that party chooses a candidate up to the standard specified in their address in elaborate detail they may vote with the democrats or may form a new party. The ridiculous farce that is made of equal rights as applied to a large portion of citizens of the South by the democratic party, the action, or inaction, of the democratic House on the finance question, and its utter disregard of every principle of civil service reform in the appointments within its gift, can give no reasonable hope that they can forward any of the interests expressed in their address by an affiliation with that party.

The conclusive answer to reformers who are ready to vote the Democratic ticket is that the Democratic Party is indifferent to reform, and eager only for office, while the Republican Party gives life and force to all the reform movements that are at work throughout the country. Moreover, reform is only one of the questions to be fought out next November. The public credit is not yet so well assured that we can leave it to its fate. What would administrative reform amount to if it brought with it repudiation and ruin? The Southern question, too, is thought of. Give the Southern Democrats four years of power at Washington, and the colored people would be reduced to a condition differing from slavery in nothing more than name, the school system established for their benefit would be destroyed; the principles of equality and right embodied in the Constitutional amendments would be rendered a mockery and a snare. And men who are willing to bring about this condition of affairs actually pretend to be the friends of Mr. Sumner, and the adherents of the cause to which he devoted his genius and his life!

We cannot state the case more pointedly than by appending the following extract from a letter from Hon. A. H. Morrison, of Michigan, a strong supporter of Greeley in the last campaign, declining to participate in the "conference."

"The people of this country deposed the Republican Party from power in the popular branch of the national legislature in 1874. You will find that they will replace them in 1876, as they are not quite ready to allow done by the ballot what failed with the bullet to make the States in power and authority paramount to the National Government. I think you greatly magnify what you are pleased to term 'the widespread corruption in our public service.' It is true a few of the lowest employes of the Government, such as Gaugers and Storekeepers at distilleries, have been found guilty of great frauds, with occasionally a Collector, Assessor, or special Agent; and it is also true that no political party ever attempted to punish members of its organization thus found guilty of defrauding the revenue more readily than has the Republican Party. I am quite sure the present heads of the Governmental departments at Washington are above suspicion as far as I know or believe. At any rate I would like to know of any great delinquency with which Secretary Fish can be charged. Surely Mr. Bristow is doing all that is possible 'to let no guilty man escape.' Mr. Jewell is not even assailed by the Democratic press. I know Mr. Chandler, the Secretary of the Interior, quite well, and I know, too, that he has been most malignantly assailed when a Senator; and I would really like to know, in case this pure political party you propose to organize should get power, what better man you have in view to take his place as Secretary of the Interior, who is an abler business man, and of more genuine business integrity. This is plain talk, but I think suggestive in view of the attitude you assume in your circular letter. The 'Independent Press' assailed him with great violence, and made out, together with the Democratic press, to so poison a few men against him that the State of Michigan was deprived of his services as a senator. The Secretary of the Navy is passing through a terrible political ordeal, but I have faith that he will come out unscathed. I dont think that either a new party or the Democratic Party can appoint a Secretary of War who could fill the place better than Judge Taft, and I have serious doubts if the place of Attorney General, filled by Mr. Pierrepont, can be improved upon by the selection of any man from the whole category of Independent or Democratic lawyers you might be pleased to suggest. I regret the fall of Belknap, but do not wonder at it so much from the fact that his political education was in the Democratic Party, where the Jeff. Davises, the Floyds, and Thompsons got theirs.

Believing that either a Republican or a Democrat must be elected, and that no one can be elected who is not nominated either at Cincinnati or St. Louis next month, I prefer to do all I can directly, and without guile, for the Republican candidate, whoever he may be; and to work to correct evils that exist within the party, in which effort I hope to have your co-operation when you have fully reflected on and talked over the subject.

I have long since given up the idea that any man elevated to the Presidency can go through even a four year term without committing some mistakes. Gen. Grant received his education at a military school. In his career as a soldier, posterity will place him in the very front rank with men of his class. In his administration of the civil affairs of this Government, he has had a hard task; nevertheless, the Republican Party need not be ashamed of a comparison of his civil administration with either that of Mr. Pierce or Mr. Buchanan, the two last of our Democratic Presidents. A Democratic President elected in 1876, would be as completely handcuffed as were Mr. Pierce and Mr. Buchanan, and under the same political influences."

It cost Barnum $20,000 to buy the United States Senatorship of the Connecticut Democratic Legislature. English paid the same, but his money was not as potent as Barnum's. It was purely and without concealment a matter of bargain and sale, and this is, we suppose, a sample of the reform democratic policy about which the Buffalo *Courier* sickens its readers daily in flatulent and long-drawn editorials.

keeper of the House, has got to get out because he wrote a ridiculous letter to a friend, and the letter was published. Now that he has shown the country what a complete ass he is the democratic members who have been his fast friends and boon companions all winter, give him the cold shoulder. To quote his own language, "thus wags the world."

The only consolation left now to the people of Connecticut, in view of the purchase of a seat in the U. S. Senate from the *reform* democratic legislature of that State by Barnum and his money bags, is that he will absent himself from Washington as persistently as he has while holding his former purchase of a seat in the House for the past few years.

It is not P. T. Barnum, the show man, to whom the honest and sturdy democratic legislators of Connecticut sold the United States Senatorship for $20,000, but another Barnum, a millionaire mill-owner, who fancies a seat in the Senate the same as he would a fine horse or steam yacht—and is willing to pay for it.

The new State Treasurer, Mr. Rawle, has entered upon his duties. The old Treasurer, Mr. Mackey, turned over a clean set of books and all the money called for, and the new Treasurer receipted for nearly a million and a half of dollars. All the old clerks are retained.

Misfortunes of the House.

By Telegraph to the Tribune.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The scene in the House of Representatives yesterday, caused by the personal explanation of Judge Durham, of Kentucky, in regard to his knowledge of Doorkee or Fitzhugh's personal record, and by the subsequent reading of other documents, including Col. Fitzhugh's foolish letter, written to a friend in Texas soon after his election, was a very humiliating one to the Democratic majority. To use mild terms, the House has been very unfortunate in the election of some of its officers and employes since the Democrats came into power. With Col. Fitzhugh's enforced resignation, which will take place in a few days, two prominent officers leave the service of the House in disgrace, and, if current rumors are to be believed, another is likely to follow them before the close of the season.

Several of the leading committees have been no more successful in the selection of their clerks. Two have been forced to resign on account of a general circulation of reports which, if true, unfitted them for holding any responsible position in the gift of the House, and which they were unable to explain in such a manner as to make their retention seem desirable. Several other committee clerks have been dismissed for incompetency, or for betraying the trust imposed in them. This state of affairs is the natural result of the policy adopted by the Democratic majority of removing experienced and competent officers in order to make places for political favorites.

On the retirement of Robert W. Mackey, Esq., from the State Treasury, the Philadelphia *Times* pays him this compliment:

That he is one of the most accomplished financiers of the State is admitted by friends and foes; that he maintained the integrity of the public funds received by him for the Commonwealth, even in the face of disasters in his depositories, none but partisan bigots have denied, and that he devised financial measures with consummate skill and ever exhibited gratifying results of his administration, is but the truth of history.

DR. JOHN DAVIES JONES has just married Miss May Potter, second daughter of the late M. D. Potter, of the Cincinnati *Commercial*. Mrs. Jones, her sister and mother are the principal owners of the stock of the paper, and rumor hints that her husband may displace Murat Halstead in its editorship; in fine, that the *Commercial* may go to Davies Jones' locker.—*World.*

The board of auditors, appointed to investigate the accounts of the County Commissioners of Luzerne county have discovered frauds aggregating $19,000. The Commissioners were all Democrats. A New York map contractor got the lion's share of the spoils.

THE Providence *Journal* says: "Eaton is able and virtuous, Barnum is rich and indifferent; and this is the sort of purification of the public service which the Democrats indulge in where they have the power."

THE gross product of lumber during the past year, in northwestern Pennsylvania, was 188,413,572 feet greater than the aggregate for 1874.

Traverse Jurors For Adjourned February Term, A. D. 1876.

Annin.—Joseph Mullin, H B Roberts, W H Taylor, Geo Tubbs, G W Winship.
Bradford.—Wm Barton, P J Chamberlain.
Bradford Boro.—E W Green.
Corydon.—Truman Colburn, Moses Johnson, Philip Toms, B H Wilcox.
Eldred.—W B Archibald, S A Canfield, John McMahan, Patrick Mullin, H S Rice.
Keating.—Chester Baker, C D Calkins, Jerry Conner, Hiram Moore, Henry Plummer, S D
Liberty.—Charles Campbell, L D Carter, Leon T. Heath, S C Sartwell, U A Wright, C W Farr
Lafayette.—John Quinn.
Smethport.—Gilbert Lyman, H S Sartwell, H L Burlingame, S A Bishop Martin Burns.

A REILLY, } Jury Comm'rs
O YOSBURG, }

Executor's Notice.

WHEREAS Letters Testamentary on the estate of Gharles Corwin, deceased, late of Smethport Borough have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make known the same without delay.

April 6th, 1876.

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Sick Headaches and Want of Appetite.

These feelings which so sadden us, most frequently arise from annoyances or trouble, from obstructed perspiration, or from eating and drinking what is unfit for us, thus disordering the liver and stomach. These organs must be regulated if you wish to be well. The Pills, if taken according to the printed instructions, will quickly restore a healthy action of both Liver and Stomach, whence follow, as a natural consequence, a good appetite and a clear head. In the East and West Indies scarcely any other medicine is ever used for these disorders.

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Never let the bowels be either confined or unduly acted upon. It may appear singular that Holloway's Pills should be recommended for a run upon the bowels, many persons supposing that they would increase relaxation. This is a great mistake. However, for these Pills will immediately correct the liver and stop every kind of bowel complaint. In warm climates thousands of lives have been saved by the use of this medicine, which in all cases gives tone and vigor to the whole organic system, however deranged—health and strength following as a matter of course. The appetite too, is wonderfully increased by the use of these Pills, combined to the use of solid in preference to fluid diet. Animal food is better than broths and stews. By removing acrid, fermented, or other impure humors from the liver, stomach, or blood, the cause of dysentery, diarrhoea, and other bowel complaints is expelled. The result is, that the disturbance is arrested and the action of the bowels become regular. Nothing will stop the relaxation of the bowels so quickly as this fine correcting medicine.

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Trial List for Adjourned February Term 1876, to be held Monday, May 29, 1876.

No 50 Feb. T 1871. J F Clark vs A T Newell
No 27 Sept T 1872 S A Backus vs Mills & Bingham
No 165 June T 1873 J F Clark vs T J Melvin *et al*
No 257 June T 1873 James Newell vs Joseph DeLong
No 46 Dec T 1873 William Beardsley vs W H Glass
No 63 Dec T 1873 J F Clark vs W H Glass
No 161 Feb T 1874 Theo Chattel vs W H Glass
No 205 Sept T 1874 Philo Ackley, guardian vs Jno H & Geo H Welch
No 111 Dec T 1874 Horace Little, Ex'r vs J F Clark
No 130 Dec T 1874 F Rutherman assignee vs A D Henbacher *et al*
No 32 Feb T 1875 use of W H Mandeville vs M'Kean Co But Co'l Co
No 6 June T 1875 use of G A Rathbone vs E C Estes, Adm'r
No 7 June T 1875 Geo A Rathbone vs E C Estes, Adm'r
No 8 June T 1875 Henry Souther vs E C Estes, Adm'r
No 70 June T 1875 Horace Little Ex'r vs Augustus W Newell
No 241 June T 1875 J W Windsor vs J S Baker
No. 122, Sept. 1875. G Beyer vs I Atwood Putnam
No 146 Sept T 1875 E H Habe vs L Ward
No 202 Sept T 1875 Albert Reed vs M'Kean & Buffalo R R Co
No 208 Sept T 1875 Agnes King vs Henry McEnally
No 41 Dec T 1875 J F Clark vs Horace Little Ex'r
No 169 Dec T 1875 J H Boylan vs S R Rochwell
No 180 Dec T 1875 John J Ridgway vs Geo Jacon *et al*
No 188 Dec T 1875 John J Ridgway vs Chas Biflo *et al*
No 178 Dec T 1875 John J Ridgway vs John J Boylan, *et al*
No 232 Feb T 1876 B T Watkins vs E W Green & Wife
No 220 Feb T 1876 David B Foster vs Isaac Foster

C H SARTWELL, Prothonotary,
Smethport, Pa., May 4, 1876.

Insolvent Notice.

THE CREDITORS OF HENRY O NEILL are hereby notified, that the said Henry O. Neill presented his petition to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, at the February Term, A. D. 1876, praying the Court to grant him the relief provided for insolvent debtors, by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Court fixed the time and place for hearing at the Court House in Smethport, on the first day of next Term, which is the 19th day of June next, when and where you can appear and show cause why the prayer in his petition should not be granted.

HENRY O NEILL.

Smethport, Pa. May 8, 1876. n28-30

Railroad Time Tables.

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GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	Accom.	Mail.
Clermont	7.00 a m	1.40 p m
Wernwag		1.48
Hamlin	7 20	2.00
Colegrove	7.25	2 05
Crosby		2 09
Smethport	7 45	2.25
Farmers Val.	8 00	2.40
Frisbees		2 50
Larrabees	8.20 a m	2 58 p m

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Express.	Coal.
Larrabee	11.20 a m	7.00 p m	
Frisbees	11.28	7.08	
Farmers Val.	11.40	7.17	
Smethport	11.55	7.29	
Crosby	12.10 p m	7.43	
Colegrove	12.14	7.46	
Hamlin	12.18	7.50 p m	
Wernwag	12.30		
Clermont	12.40		

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Going South.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Accom.	Express.
Buffalo	7 25 a m	5.15 p m	2.15 p m
Olean	10 31	8 31	4.35
Eldred	11 11	9 10	
Larabees	11 14	9 17	5 28
P't Allegany	11 38	9.40	5 48
Emporium	12.40		6 48

Going North.

STATIONS.	Express.	Mail.	Accom.
Emporium	5 40 p m	1 45 p m	4 30 a m
P't Allegany	6 36	2.50	4.54
Larabees	6 56	3.15	5.03
Eldred		3 24	
Olean	7 45	4.10	5.47
Buffalo	10 30	7 20	9 00

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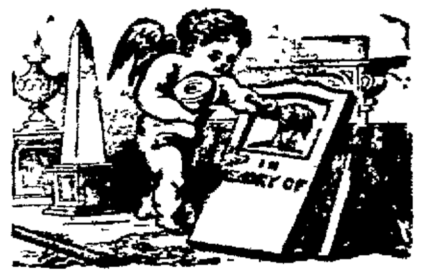

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Notice.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA. At Smethport. McKean County the 29th day of Apr. 1876. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Julius W. Neefe, of Port Allegany, in said county, who has been adjudged bankrupt on creditors' petition, by the district court of said district.

n27 4t H. KING, Assignee.

A Card.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York City.

LOCAL MATTERS.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The subscription price of the Miner is $2 00 a year. If paid in advance a reduction of twenty-five per cent. is allowed, making the subscription $1.50. Subscribers must not expect a discount when their subscription has expired over three months, and we hope they'll not ask it.

Patterson is getting up quite a trade in new, [illegible] periodicals.

The MINER is decidedly pictorial this week on one side. We had our own artist on the spot.

On Monday thirty-five car-loads of coal were mined and shipped from the Clermont mines.

—Have you bought and paid for your box in the new postoffice yet? First come, first served.

Train No. 3 made the run from Larrabee to Smethport—9 miles—last Saturday evening in [illegible] minutes.

—Supt. Bishop has now eleven men at work on the jail, plastering and building the brick arch over the corridors.

Mary had a little dress, all ruffled, puffed and braided, "Domestic Fashions" gave its shape, the New "Domestic" made it.

—Bergstresser, the artist, is at Port Allegany taking photographs and views. We are glad to learn that he has plenty of business there.

In the published trial list of last week the case of Hoyt vs. Putnam was accidentally omitted. The list will be found corrected this week.

—Mr. Haskill, of the Bennett House, is busily engaged papering, putting down carpets and putting up new furniture. When the work is all done we promise to tell our readers all about it.

—If you want a daily Buffalo Express and of course you do, you can get it of Patterson, the newsdealer, for 18 cents per week. He will furnish regularly any magazine or paper that you may wish to order.

Rev. Clark held service at the Episcopal [illegible] rooms in this place last Sunday. We understand that he contemplates removing here from Emporium, and should be pleased to welcome him as a permanent resident.

—While the engine of the coal train was standing on the switch at Hamlin Monday evening she blew out her steam chest, causing considerable damage and the necessity of taking her to Dunkirk for repair.

Since the front of the new postoffice has been painted and grained, and the boxes numbered, it looks even neater and handsomer than we had anticipated. Russell did a good job in the painting.

—We misstated the time of the Leap Year Hop last week. It is to-morrow evening instead of this (Thursday) evening. We make this correction so that those fellows who have an invite will not be heart-broken and mad if they are not "called for" this evening.

It is a question in some minds whether it was by reason of stupid blundering or pure cussedness that the chap who wrote from here to the Reporter last week about the com[illegible] benefit concert only mentioned a portion of the singers and entirely ignored the lady who had charge of the enterprise. For the credit of our town we hope that hereafter he will abstain from needlessly insulting the ladies of the place.

A gentleman remarked to us the other day that the time had gone by when the merchants of Smethport could sit down and do business with the certainty that they would get all the trade anyway, because people could not get out to trade elsewhere. With the present railroad and express communications, if they would retain their share of the patronage from going to Olean and Buffalo, (and it can be done) they must be up and doing, buy the best and latest styles of goods, sell them at a reasonable figure, and keep themselves and their business before the people by advertising liberally. We thought the remarks were very sound. Can any one dispute their truth?

Bishop Mullin's Lecture.

Rev. Flood informs us that Bishop Mullin will arrive here Saturday on the noon train. He will deliver his lecture in the church Sunday evening. We did not learn the subject of the lecture, but as it is a lecture prepared for the occasion by the reverend gentleman, we are assured that it will be profound as well as interesting. The lecture will commence at 7 p. m.

The Bishop will also lecture at Bradford on the Monday evening following.

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER.—Mr. S. L. Proven, of Keating township witnessed the slaughter of three fine milch cows of his own by a wild-cat train on the McK. & B. road Tuesday evening. His cattle had broken into a neighbor's field and he let them out on the track to drive them home. But before he had reached the crossing the train came thundering around the curve and mangled three of them before the engineer could stop it. It is a heavy loss for Mr. Proven and one that he is illy able to endure.

THE TAYLOR HOUSE.—The attention of the traveling public is invited to the card of the above house in another column. Duane Patterson is both proprietor and manager and if guests are not satisfied with the treatment they receive at his hands it must be beyond the power of any man to please them, for they will receive every kind attention in his power. Call at the Taylor House when you are at Larrabee and see if this is not so.

RESUMED THE BRUSH.—H. L. Wilson, who has been for several months employed as a clerk in Taylor's store, has left the counter and returned to the brush. Wilson is a steady workman and a neat and tasty fellow with a brush, and we predict that his services will be in constant demand during the season.

THE WILCOX WELL.—Mr. Lytle informs us that work is progressing favorably at this well. It is down to the depth of 1300 feet, and they have struck what they believe to be the first sand, obtaining a small quantity of amber oil and a large quantity of gas. They will not stop at less than 1800 feet.

Death of A. N. Taylor.

As was predicted in our last issue, we have this week the melancholy task of announcing the death of A. N. Taylor.

On the evening of the 28th of last September Mr. Taylor fell from the back door of his residence, causing a displacement of his spine. It was thought then that he would live but a few days, yet by the application of excellent surgical skill the spine was gradually brought into its proper position and his life prolonged over seven months. But they have been months of constant pain and suffering and on Monday evening, the 15th inst., death came to his relief.

Mr. Taylor was born in Madison Co. N. Y., June 11, 1822, and would thus, had he lived until the 11th of next month, have been 54 years of age. His father, James Taylor, moved to McKean county when the subject of this sketch was about two years of age and settled upon a back-woods farm. He very early gave evidence of the untiring and indomitable energy that was so prominent a characteristic of his life, and having a taste for mercantile business at about the age of nineteen entered as a clerk in the store of Hawkins, Ford & Taylor, his father being one of the partners in the firm. Two years later he formed a partnership with his father and commenced business in the old Astor building. A few years later he bought out his father's interest in the business and built a store adjoining the Astor House, which he occupied until it was burned down in the fire of March 28, 1868. He afterward removed his store to the Sartwell block, where it is now located. When he first commenced business he had but $600 in the world. Although it is impossible to give a correct estimate, it is believed by those best acquainted with his affairs that he was worth at the time of his death not less than $300,000.

To have gained this fortune from so small a beginning and with the unfavorable opportunities for amassing wealth that this section has presented in the last thirty years, indicates that A. N. Taylor was a man of remarkable business capacity, and should be classed among the most successful business men of our day and time. His entire heart and mind was in his business during his earlier days. He was keen and shrewd in business matters, quick to detect the weakness of an opponent and improve an opportunity of favorable investment. We have heard many men complain that A. N. Taylor was a hard man to deal with. We are not disposed to laud the departed beyond his merits, yet we venture the assertion without fear of successful contradiction that no man whom he believed to be dealing honestly and fairly by him was ever oppressed or wronged by his authority, and that no man in McKean county was found to be more sympathetic and tender hearted when approached in a proper manner. He was a business man in every sense. He expected men to live up to their obligations. He took all manner of chances, and gave accommodation and time to men whom no other merchants would trust, in hundreds of instances, but when he was satisfied that a man was intending to cheat or defraud him he showed him but little mercy or leniency. It is for this reason that he has been often misunderstood and misrepresented. In two noted instances, well known to all citizens of the county, he has withstood the test of the fiercest accusation and severest trial to which any business man was ever subjected and came out with his honor most completely and thoroughly vindicated. We do not doubt that many men who have loaded A. N. Taylor with abuse during his life will have ample reason to deeply regret the day of his death.

Mr. Taylor was always a Republican in politics since the organization of the party. During the days of war he had the fullest faith in the ultimate success of the Union arms, and he had lost since that time none of his love for the principles of his party or his zeal for their success. He was once elected as Associate Judge by an overwhelming majority.

The loss that McKean county, and the borough of Smethport especially, will sustain in the death of A. N. Taylor cannot at once be estimated. When a town loses one of its ablest, most energetic, successful and wealthiest business men, the loss is not fully repaired in years. At the time of his fatal fall he had in contemplation the use of a portion of his ample means for the building up and improvement of the borough, and had already taken energetic steps in that direction. The occasion seems to us to demand a meeting of the citizens expressive of their appreciation of the loss thus sustained.

Of the loss to his family we need not write at length. Their grief, somewhat tempered by his long and painful illness with the certain result only a question of time, cannot be expressed upon paper. He leaves a widow and three children, one son and two daughters, and though well provided for as to the things of this world nothing can fully compensate the loss of a kind and wisely indulgent father and husband.

The funeral services are held to-day (Thursday) at the Baptist church, by Rev. S. D. Morris.

COMPLIMENTARY.—In commenting upon our mention of a change in the location of our editorial rooms, our neighboring cotemporary, the Potter Journal, takes occasion to speak very kindly of the MINER, and we can show our appreciation of its good words in no better way than by copying them. It says.

"We heartily congratulate our Smethport neighbor on its improvement, as the paper itself is among the "neatest in Northern Pennsylvania," we can easily believe that of its editorial rooms. We have always counted the MINER among the better class of country journals, and consider the people of McKean county fortunate in having so good a local paper. It richly deserves, and we trust is receiving, a generous support."

An Ancient Newspaper.

We have lying before us a newspaper that in this Centennial year is worth a passing notice. It is a copy of a paper called "The Beacon and McKean County Journal," Vol. 1, No 12, dated Smethport Saturday, April 6, 1839. The name of Asa Howe Cory, in English script type, appears as publisher, and he offers it to subscribers at $1.75 per year in advance; $2 if paid within three months; and $2.50 if paid within six months. The rate of advance in price in case of further delay is not stated. The paper is only about half the size of the MINER, with less than one-tenth the quantity of ready matter, showing that in "them good ole days of the fathers" the printers received more in proportion to the equivalent rendered than in these degenerate times.

There are very few home advertisements with the exception of the legal notices. Jared Ketcham, Sheriff, advertises the Court Proclamation, for the May term of court. Among the causes set down for trial in the Trial List, we find a few familiar names in that connection, such as "B. Freeman vs. V. Dickinson;" "O. R. Bennett vs J. F. Clark;" "R. Beckwith vs. J. F. Clark;" "J. F. Clark vs. G. Corwin;" &c. Even at that early day J. F. Clark was the foot-ball of the law, and he isn't exhausted yet. John Montgomery has lime to sell at his "kiln" a short distance from Williamsville, McKean county. Holmes & Co. announce that they have just finished and for sale all kinds of leather at "our tannery in Smethport." John Hunt offers "1 Cent Reward" for the recovery of Thomas Hunt, his son, aged 17 years, who has run away from home. The youth must have been very precious in the eyes of his parent. S. Sartwell, Jr., offers for sale 500 yards of fulled cloth cheap for "cash or county orders." The following advertisement we copy entire:

WANTED.—At this office in payment for the Beacon, wheat, rye, corn, oats, buckwheat, pork, beef, venison, butter, lard, cheese, wool, &c.

Surely the wants of the editor were manifold and varied. S. Sartwell, Jr., Richmond & Holmes, and B. Freeman, we should judge by the this paper to have been the prominent merchants. O. J. Hamlin and H Payne were the only expounders of the law, and W. Y. McCoy the only compounder of pills, in that early day.

The only item of local interest or of original matter that we can discover is an account of an "exhibition" at the Smethport Academy, and we copy below a portion of the programme.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

At an Exhibition in the Smethport Academy, April 5, 1839.

Oratio Salutatoria—David Crow.
Address to students—Levi Ketcham.
I will decide my own destiny—Henry Hamlin.
Dialogue—Wallace Sawyer and Wm King.
Infidelity—Ransom Devereaux.
Death of Caesar—Ithamal Humphrey.
Dialogue—Elizabeth Chapin, Wallace Sawyer, Violetta Sartwell and George Sartwell.
Dialogue, The Yankee in England—Wm. King and Montague Rose.
Self Conceit—Wm Wallace Sawyer.
Washington to the troops—George Barge.
Pitt's speech in Parliament—Niles Taylor.
Invective—I. Newton Sawyer.
Mr. Loomis' speech in the senate—George Sartwell.
National Glory—Ormand A. Holmes.
Speech opposed to the Declaration of Independence—Montague Rose.
Speech in favor of Declaration of Independence—John B. Williams.
Surviving Worthies of the Revolution—David Crow.
Duel—Niles Taylor and Byron Hamlin.
Dignity of Human Nature—Byron Hamlin.

Eldred Items.

—The committee on arrangements for the camp-meeting meet in the grove next Saturday afternoon.

—A. T. Barden, of the firm of Barden & Roberts, is in New York purchasing goods to replenish their stock which has rapidly diminished under their method of large sales and small profits.

—W. G. Weaver, our popular Jeweler, has been papering and otherwise beautifying his store, so that it presents a very prepossessing appearance. He is just receiving a new fine assortment of clocks and other wares in his line, all of which denotes prosperity.

—Great reductions have been made on the prices of goods at Young & Barden's store. They are selling the best prints at six cents per yard, and other goods in proportion, in order to dispose of their entire stock by the 1st of July, at which time their articles of copartnership expire. Now is the time to secure rare bargains.

—Some of the people on Knapp's creek are being molested by bears. During last week G. T. Dennis and B. H. Lamphier lost two sheep each. Last Friday night Joseph Morse lost a calf that he was intending for veal. The bear, after devouring about one-half, went away, and Joseph expecting him to return the following night for the residue, watched for him, but bruin must have found viands at some other place to appease his ravenous appetite, as he failed to put in an appearance.

OCCASIONAL.

Eldred, May 15, 1876.

—We presume Wagner's Centennial March was a grand affair, full of music and noise; but we doubt if it was more full of harmony than was the serenade that was wafted to our windows last night, evolved from a harp with violin accompaniment, in the hands of Messrs. Yetta and Moore. They played, among other airs, the "Mocking Bird," with the bird included,—in fact the Centennial was nowhere when compared with these minstrels. We understand they have come to Elmira to stay, from McKean county, Pa. They were in charge last evening of several young gentlemen, who doubtless made many of their friends as delighted with their music, as were we.—Elmira Advertiser.

—The Buffalo chief of police offers $100 reward for the recovery of a sorrel horse and top buggy stolen from the barn of Geo. B. Efner in that city, last Wednesday evening, and the arrest of the thieves. They are described as both young men, —one about 5 feet 4 inches in height, brown hair, mustache dyed black: the other, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, slim built, long smooth face, good looking.

The Benefit Concert.

We venture to say that not one of the large audience in attendance upon the benefit concert last Thursday evening left the hall with any other than feelings of entire satisfaction. The singers were somewhat embarrassed by the absence of one principal singer and the unavoidable late arrival of another. Yet the audience would not have judged by the rendition of the pieces that there was the slightest ripple of discomposure. Smethport is very much of a musical town, and we have listened to a great many very excellent home concert entertainments, and when we say that the concert of last Thursday evening was second to none that we have ever listened to in this place we only express the prevailing sentiment of all who attended. Not the least pleasing part of the entertainment were the comic characters and songs introduced by Mr. E. V. Goddin. It is the general impression that "Steve." is wasting a great deal of talent of a peculiar and profitable kind by burying himself in the subordinate position of railroad Superintendent.

The net proceeds of the concert, after paying all expenses, were $51.50, which was immediately, in our presence, placed in the hands of Mr. Robt. Wolters. Surely Miss Kate Freeman and her assistants can congratulate themselves that they have done a noble work and done it well.

ALMOST A "LOCAL."—Robt. H. Rose, D. A. Easterbrook and Dr. H. I. McCoy came very near giving us an interesting "local" for this issue last Saturday evening. They started from the depot on a hand car to meet the regular train at Larrabees for the purpose of attending the concert by the Boston Philharmonic Club, at Olean. They supposed they had plenty of time to reach Larrabees before the express left, and they would have had if the train had started on its schedule time, but for some unexplained reason it pulled out ahead of time. It met the hand car on the long curve near Farmers Valley, gave one unearthly screech, and flew by like the wind. But the car and its occupants were off the track just in time. And we lost a "local" thereby.

BOUGHT A TICKET.—Barden (of the firm of Barden and Roberts) to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, New York and other principal cities of the United States, for the purpose of securing the nicest line of Ladies dress goods, Prints, Domestics of every kind, Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Groceries, ever brought to this market. No old goods to close out "Regardless of cost." We will sell you nice fresh goods just as cheap. After May 25th, come and see.

Eldred May 15, 1876. tf

BUILD DURABLE WALKS.—If the Burgess has directed you to repair or rebuild your walks, you will do well to investigate the matter before ordering the lumber, and see how cheaply John Digel will lay a good flagging-stone walk that will out-wear a dozen plank ones.

—The Potter Journal is known to be one of the most dignified and conservative republican papers in the State yet in every issue of its neighbor, the Enterprise, we are told that the Journal has been "howling" about something. Nonsense, Thompson, ask your editorial contributors to look up some more appropriate word.

COFFINS AND CASKETS.—Wm. Specht keeps constantly a large assortment of coffins and caskets, and is prepared to attend funeral services at the shortest notice. 28tf

—Our correspondents will please us if they will always carefully refrain from covert personal allusions or smart saying that will tend to wound any one's feelings. We have all we can attend to to fight our own battles.

—We are pleased to learn that G. A. Berry, of Bradford, has received an appointment as United States Commissioner

—The Corning murderer is said to have been arrested in Holley, N. Y.

—Mr Thomas Bell has charge of the new court house at Warren.

—The Forth of July falls on Tuesday this year.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS—Never Despair—Something that never fails—Fever and Ague. To the sick it is of little consequence how they are cured, whether from a rational view of the disease, or by the rules defined for the guidance of the profession, so long as the cure is certain and expeditious. To a suffering man the question on the relative merits of quinine or calomel is uninteresting. The faculty may wrangle and discuss their various theories, but Dr. Holloway's treatment dispels doubt ere the disciples of Esculapius have finished the first stage. Holloway's Pills are the only remedies which effect a speedy and radical cure without danger of a relapse. Read the advertisement elsewhere. 185

THE "Mysterious Island!"

We have just received VERNE's last famous story, "THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND—DROPPED FROM THE CLOUDS!" It is an intensely interesting book, by the celebrated author of "20,000 Leagues under the Seas!" "Tour of the World in 80 days!" &c., and gives the exciting adventures of five Union prisoners who during our late great war, escaped from Richmond, Va., in a captured balloon! They were driven by a wild hurricane, across the entire continent, and fell upon an uninhabited island in the Pacific ocean. Here they lived several years, unable to escape. Finally a vessel appeared, but proved to be a pirate ship, and instead of rescuing, endeavored to murder them. During the combat a mysterious agent destroyed their vessel! The castaways had frequent exciting adventures with wild animals, and also met with many very mysterious incidents that were apparently supernatural. Their ingenious contrivances to better their condition are highly interesting. In short, it is VERNE's best book, and that is the highest possible commendation.

The ordinary price of "DROPPED FROM THE CLOUDS" is $2.00, but the copy before us, "THE LAKESIDE LIBRARY" edition, handsomely illustrated, is sent prepaid for only 12 cts. Also sold by all news dealers. If you want a genuine treat, get it. Address, DONNELLEY, LOYD & CO., Pubs., CHICAGO, ILL.

Patterson the News Dealer keeps them.

How He Got Out Of It.

The following candid statement is from the postmaster of North Clymer, N. Y. After reading it will any one undertake to say that it would be possible to find language wherewith to express the value of a remedy possessed of such capabilities for renovating the human system and benefiting the community? Yet in point of fact, this is only a representative expression of the grateful souls that day by day voluntarily add their testimony. Still there is a feeling that whatever may be advertised as a proprietary medicine must have more or less exaggeration attached to it, whereas the exact fact is that, generally speaking, there are no medicines in existence made with so much care and pains and with so little regard to expense, in order to insure entire precision of action and general effectiveness.

North Clymer, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1875.

Dr. M. M. Fenner, Fredonia, N. Y.—Dear Sir—About one year ago my health was so poor that I was hardly able to do business at all. Had no appetite, could not sleep nights, coughed a great deal, and had, in fact, got into that state of decline when I began to contemplate the necessity of going to a different climate for my health. I had tried every thing recommended for such cases, but found no relief. At last I tried your Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic. I thought the first half bottle stirred me up to feel worse, but before the first bottle was all gone, I began to improve. I continued the remedy until I had used five bottles during which time I gained twenty-five pounds in weight and felt myself as sound as ever. I know there is no better remedy in existence for fixing up one's system when out of rig than your Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic.

Yours truly,
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For sale by all dealers in medicines and by A. B. Armstrong, of Smethport.

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Court Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS President Judge and the Hons. W. S. BROWNELL and LOYAL WARD, Associate Judges of the courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean have issued their precept, bearing date Monday, Mar 6, A. D. 1876, and to me directed for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1876, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport May 4, 1876, and the 100th year of the Independence of the United States of America. C. S. KING, Sheriff.

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Full assortments Lisle Thread, Silk and Kid Gloves. Hosiery in fine qualities, Bleached, Brown and Striped. All the Novelties in Ladies' Ties. Large assortment of Neck Ruches.

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Candle sticks
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Cartridges
Castors
Catches
Cattle leaders
Chains, all kinds
Chalk lines
Chalk
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Chisels, all kinds
Clamps
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Clothes wringers
Coal hods
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Corn poppers
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Dippers
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Fuses
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Gate hinges
Gauges
Gimlets
Glazier's points
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Gunpowder
Grindstones
Gun nipples
Hammers
Hand vises
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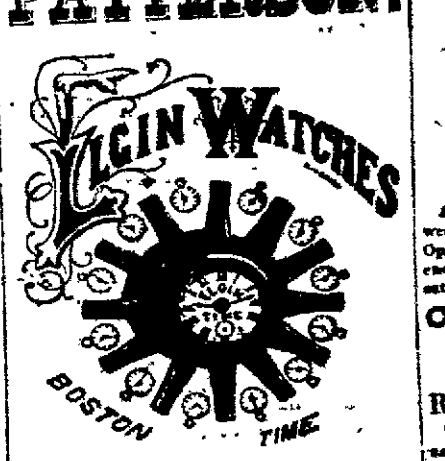

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☞ The rooms will only be kept open as long as business continues good, therefore persons wishing work done should call soon. [illegible]

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WHEREAS Letters of Administration on the estate of John Sundstrum, deceased, late of Wetmore township have been granted to the undersigned all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having any claims or demands against the same will make known the same without delay.

J. O. LIDDELL, Administrator.

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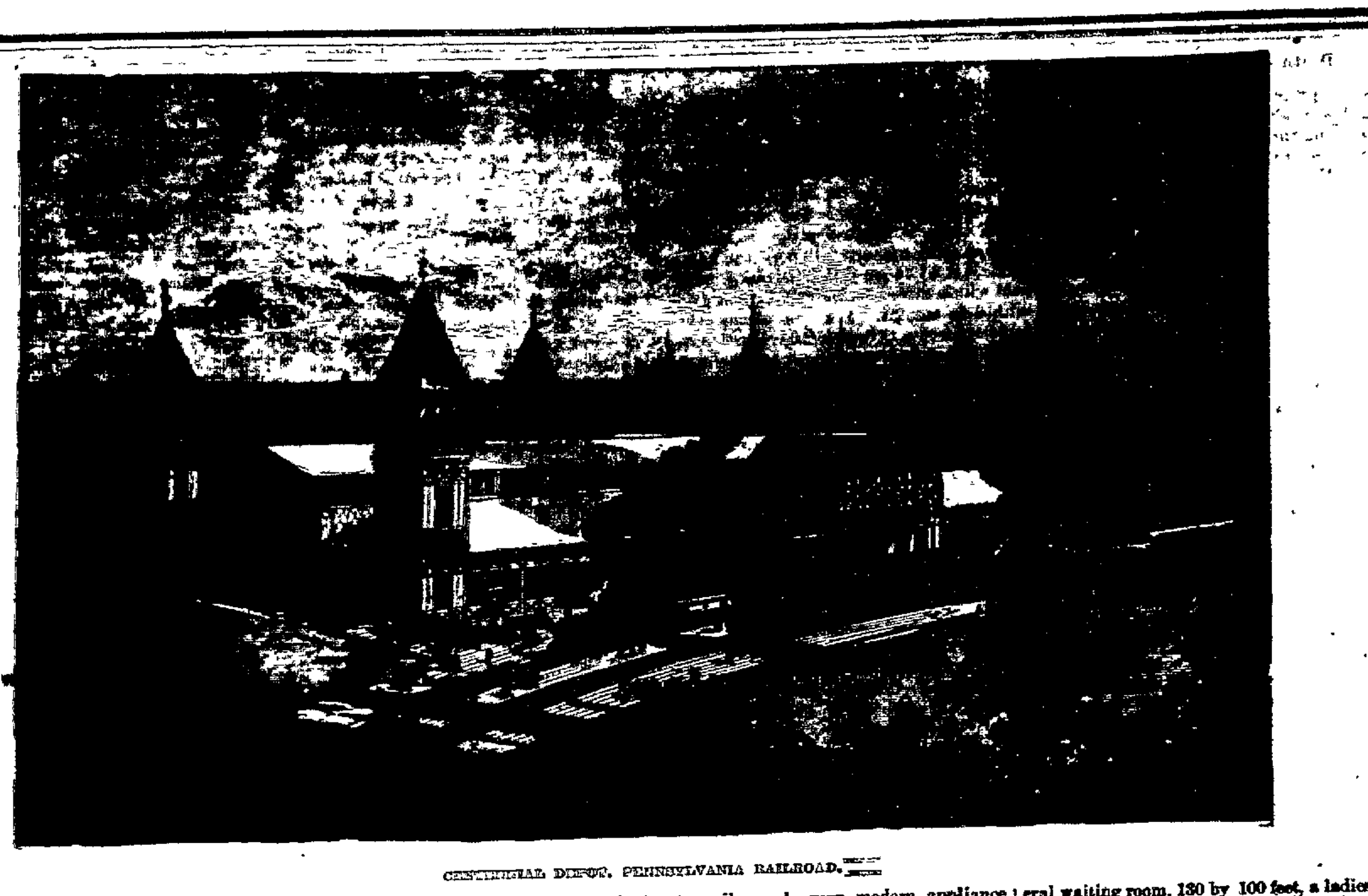

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LUCULLUS:

BY J. H. ELSBREE.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

CHAPTER XIV.

The tribune and his friends had decided that an appeal to Sejanus would be of no avail, except to put him on his guard; therefore, they left him to suppose his secret was still inviolate, and formed a plan by which, under the cover of night, they expected to recover the lost one in spite of all the precautions by which she had been surrounded.

But the day was at last over, and the twilight was fading into deeper night. There was a light haze in the air, and the moon had not yet risen, when a small party of horsemen rode out from the courtyard of the tribune's palace on the Palatine hill. They made their way slowly along the narrow streets towards one of the city gates, passed it and rode slowly out into the country. When a little more than a mile from the city they saw a dark body moving through the shadows of the night at a slow pace, which they discovered, as they approached nearer to them, to be a troop of horsemen.

In a moment more they were challenged by a sentinel, but, giving a password, they passed on to encounter another troop coming from another direction.

Continuing on their course they soon came to the vicinity of the villa where the fair Claudia was held a prisoner.

Here they were again challenged by a sentinel, and as they halted they were joined by a horseman who informed them that "the lines were closed up so that a mouse could not get through."

"Arrest all who attempt to pass in or out of thy lines, Julian," said the tribune to him.

"Aye, aye, sir," replied the officer.

And the party of the tribune again slowly moved on until it stood beneath the dark shadows of the giant trees that surrounded the villa. Here they dismounted, the party consisting of the tribune, Caius Cesar, and some half dozen officers of the Tenth legion. They stood silently within the dark shadows of the gloomy pile before them until they were joined by Elydon, the freedman of Caius Cesar.

After a few words with Elydon, the tribune turned to his friends and said

"The hour has come, forward! be watchful and resolute, but avoid all unnecessary violence.

The party approached the dark portal, upon the door of which a few heavy blows were struck, which in a few moments were repeated.

Steps were now heard within as they approached the door, bars were removed, and chains rattled as the door moved on its hinges, opening but a small space, as a voice demanded:

"Who is there?"

"Friends."

"What dost thou desire?"

"An interview with Aelius Sejanus."

"He is not here."

"In that thou art mistaken."

"Well, it matters not; thou shalt not enter."

"On!" said a low but stern voice, and the next moment there was a simultaneous rush upon the partially opened door. It brought up against the chains drawn across it for a moment, and then went crashing in upon the two servants, who had in vain attempted to hold it in its place. One of the servants escaped along the hall, and the other was in the hands of the assailants.

"Lead me to the apartments of Sejanus," demanded the tribune of this man.

"I tell thee he is not here," replied the man, in a dogged tone.

"Beware how thou triflest, man," said the tribune, in a stern tone. "Again, wilt thou do as I have bidden?"

"No; I have said he is not here."

At this moment a torch was lighted by one of the party, for hitherto they had been in darkness. The torch held aloft showed to the astonished servant the large party by whom he was surrounded, and looking back to the wrecked door he saw the doorway filled by soldiers.

"Is that thy last word?" asked the tribune.

"It is."

With a motion of the hand the tribune made a sign for him to be passed over to the soldiers at the door, and in a moment the two officers who had held him in their grasp had assigned him to their custody.

The party now moved along the hall to apartments beyond, all of which they found untenanted, for the servant who had escaped had given the alarm, and the servants had fled from the villa to fall into the hands of the soldiers who surrounded the buildings on every side.

"There is a staircase leading to an upper floor," said one of the party, and as they approached it there suddenly came to their ears the sound of voices raised to loud passionate tones, and then a scream arose, filling the space above with its dread echoes.

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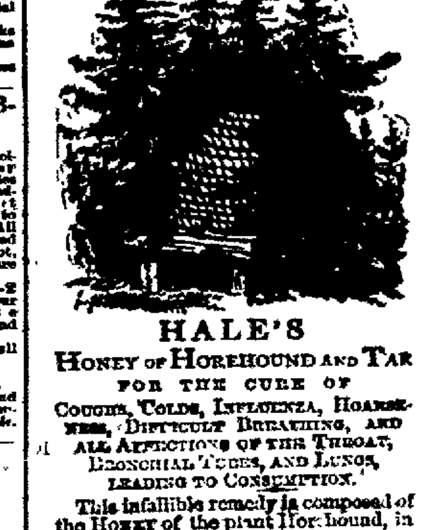

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